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(54) **Liquid precursor mixtures for deposition of multicomponent metal containing materials**

(57) The present invention is a composition for deposition of a mixed metal or metal compound layer, comprising a solventless mixture of at least two metal-ligand complex precursors, wherein the mixture is liquid at ambient conditions and the ligands are the same and are selected from the group consisting of alkyls, alkoxides, halides, hydrides, amides, imides, azides cyclopentadienyls, carbonyls, and their fluorine, oxygen and nitrogen substituted analogs. The present invention is also a process for deposition of a multiple metal or metal compound layer on a substrate of an electronic material, comprising: a) providing a solventless mixture of two or

more metal-ligand complex precursors which constitute a liquid at ambient conditions, wherein the ligands are the same and are selected from the group consisting of alkyls, alkoxides, halides, hydrides, amides, imides, azides, nitrates, cyclopentadienyls, carbonyls, and their fluorine, oxygen and nitrogen substituted analogs; b) delivering the solventless mixture by direct liquid injection to a flash vaporization zone to vaporize the solventless mixture; c) contacting the substrate under deposition conditions with a resulting vapor of the solventless mixture, and c) depositing a multiple metal or metal compound layer on the substrate from the solventless mixture.

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-10,13

Processes and composition for deposition of a multiple metal or metal compound layer on a substrate of an electronic material, comprising using a solventless mixture of two or more metal-ligand complex precursors which constitute a liquid at ambient conditions, wherein said ligands are selected from the group consisting of alkyls, alkoxides, halides, hydrides, amides, imides, azides, nitrates, cyclopentadienyls, carbonyls, and their fluorine, oxygen and nitrogen substituted analogs.

2. Claims: 10,11

Solventless mixture of at least two metal-ligand complex precursors, wherein said mixture is liquid at ambient conditions and said ligands are selected from the group consisting of alkyls, alkoxides, halides, hydrides, amides, imides, azides, nitrates, cyclopentadienyls, carbonyls, and their fluorine and oxygen and nitrogen substituted analogs, and a first metal-ligand complex precursor which is liquid at ambient conditions and a second metal-ligand complex precursor which is liquid at ambient conditions.

3. Claims: 10,12

Solventless mixture of at least two metal-ligand complex precursors, wherein said mixture is liquid at ambient conditions and said ligands are selected from the group consisting of alkyls, alkoxides, halides, hydrides, amides, imides, azides, nitrates, cyclopentadienyls, carbonyls, and their fluorine and oxygen and nitrogen substituted analogs, and a first metal-ligand complex precursor which is liquid at ambient conditions and a second metal-ligand complex precursor which is solid at ambient conditions and miscible in the first metal-ligand complex precursor.

4. Claims: 10,14(partly)-16,18,20,21

A solventless mixture of at least two metal-ligand complex precursors said mixture is liquid at ambient conditions, the ligand being selected from the group dimethyl amido, diethyl amido, ethylmethyl amido, butyl amido, dipropyl amido, methylpropyl amido, ethylpropyl amido.

5. Claims: 10,14(partly),17,19



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A solventless mixture of at least two metal-ligand complex precursors said mixture is liquid at ambient conditions, the ligand being selected from the group methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, and butoxy.

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